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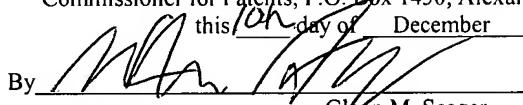
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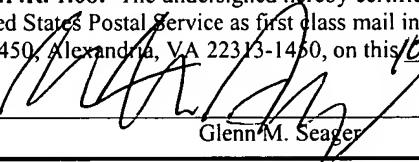
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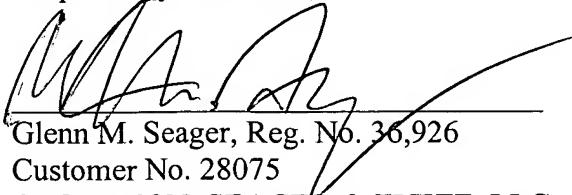
Copies of the documents listed on the 1449 Form were previously either submitted by Applicant or cited by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application, U.S. Application No. 09/764,732, filed January 16, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,663,651, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. §120.

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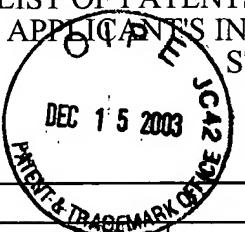
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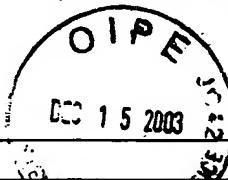
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